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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Masahiro JOEI	:	Confirmation Number: 4123
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For: METHOD FOR FABRICATING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE	:	

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 23, 2004, and the petition for a one-month extension of time up to and including April 23, 2004 being filed concurrently herewith, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.